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Ms. Whitney Rick
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Agricultural Marketing Service
US Department of Agriculture
Stop 0224, Room 2641, South Building
Washington DC 20250-0224

Re: Cotton Research and Promotion
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Dear Ms. Rick

I write in support for the Cotton Research and Promotion program. The Cotton industry would not have the market share it has without this program.

The Cotton Research and Promotion program is efficiently managed and it is the envy of all commodity groups. Producers and importers are well served by the program efforts to promote the sale of cotton products and to develop more cost efficient methods of producing, processing and delivering cotton to the marketplace.

While we are now experiencing severely depressed cotton prices, I believe that without this program the demand for cotton would be considerably lower. I believe that having a referendum now would only divert funds away from the promotion program and may not result in any change.

I ask you to allow the program to continue for another 5 years.

Sincerely,



Danny Newton



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